



Date: November 10, 2020 **Time:** 1:30p to 3:00p
Location: via WebEx & Teleconference

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Director Greenwalt (ICH) welcomed attendees, shared the meeting agenda and purpose, and provided context for the agenda's discussion items.

II. Items for Approval

Director Greenwalt noted that there were no items pending for approval.

III. For Discussion

a. Medicaid Benefit Update

Dena Hasan, with the Department of Human Services and Amelia Whiteman, with the Department of Health Care Finance, presented how the District intends to leverage Medicaid to maximize Federal funding to support Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs. During DC's 2015 State Innovation Model (SIM) deliberation, partners developed a plan to improve PSH service quality and fidelity by establishing tiered case management rates to allow for individualized support and rate setting to reflect the full scope of service expectations and current market salaries. The Medicaid Work Group developed a Service Model to establish a broad framework for eligible clients and providers. Currently, District funding covers capital costs, rental payments, and services. The goal is to utilize Medicaid to maximize federal funding to cover case management services provided in PSH. Under the new plan, leveraging Medicaid will reduce the District's spending on services by 70%. The vision is to make services available to any Medicaid beneficiary experiencing housing instability. However, the immediate focus is individuals in PSH. Initially, the implementation will focus on PSH providers who are currently receiving funding from DHS. Then it will expand to all providers with a demonstrated capacity to deliver housing-related services. The program implementation date is April 2022. See the attached PowerPoint for additional information.

Consumer Representative Reggie Black asked about the process used to adjust the pay scale. Ms. Hasan responded that a consultant was hired to develop a new pay scale in the ICH Medicaid Work Group. Schroeder Stribling, CEO at N Street Village, recommended that the Department of Aging be involved in the discussion. She indicated that as consumers age, they will require additional services as health conditions change. Consumer Representative Robert Warren asked about eligibility and if the program will be applied to only new PSH units or available to anyone in PSH programs. Ms. Hasan indicated that the benefit will be available to all individuals who are eligible for Medicaid. However, a smaller population of individuals are ineligible for Medicaid, and solutions are being developed to address this gap.

Director Greenwalt expressed her support for the program. It can help increase housing access by repurposing local funding currently used for services to other areas of the budget. Director Zeilinger expressed that DHS is committed to listening to consumer and provider voice and incorporating them into the process.

An invitation was extended for those interested in engaging in the process to attend the Medicaid Work Group meetings, which occur every second Wednesday of each month.

b. ICH Governance & Operations

The Executive Committee is responsible for carrying out an annual review of ICH governance and operations.

- Director Greenwalt began the discussion by highlighting topics under consideration - including membership and vacancies, bylaws, 2021 priorities, organizational structure (committees & work groups), and leadership roles.
- Kimberly Waller provided an update on the new members appointed to the ICH Full Council. An updated list of all ICH Full Council Members appears in the meeting slide deck and can be found online at <https://ich.dc.gov/page/interagency-council-homelessness-members%202017%2004%2024>. She further noted that there will be one vacant seat to be filled in 2021.
- Director Greenwalt then raised a number of questions to the Executive Committee regarding potential changes. More information regarding the discussion questions can be found in the attached PowerPoint. Discussion of these issues will continue when the Executive Committee meets in December.

VI. Updates and Announcements

DHS Director Zeilinger announced the addition of new team member, Johnathan Davis, who joined DHS as the FSA Deputy Administrator for Single Adults on November 9th. Johnathan comes to the District from the State of Georgia where he served as Executive Director for Covenant Community, Inc., a nonprofit that provides shelter and substance abuse services. You can learn more about his experience and knowledge in the attached biography.

VI. Summary and Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned.

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Date: 12/08/2020 **Time:** 1:30p to 3:00p **Location:** WebEx & Teleconference